

## House Resolution No. 4028

**Whereas**, from time to time the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are called upon to acknowledge the professional achievements of an outstanding Missouri educator; and

**Whereas**, Melissa Finley, a seventh grade teacher in the Woodland R-IV School District in Marble Hill, Missouri, was recently chosen Heartland's Best Teacher; and

**Whereas**, a thoughtful, energetic teacher who is loved by her students and co-workers alike, Melissa Finley is an esteemed educator who demonstrates considerable competence and remarkable degrees of compassion and understanding; and

**Whereas**, Melissa Finley is deeply committed to the great cause of learning and has helped numerous youngsters form a solid educational foundation upon which to build in the future, efforts which have earned her a reputation as a fair and motivated teacher who takes a personal interest in every student's individual learning style; and

**Whereas**, during her tenure in the classroom at Woodland R-IV, Melissa Finley has worked exceptionally hard to guide her young charges along the path to success with the firm belief that each child can excel when nurtured in an inviting environment conducive to learning; and

**Whereas**, Melissa Finley has also enjoyed recognition by serving as a Class Sponsor at Woodland R-IV, volleyball referee, and youth leader at Little Whitewater First Baptist Church; and

**Whereas**, Melissa Finley has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include her husband, Curt Finley, and two children, Baylee and Mackenzie;

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Melissa Finley upon her well-deserved selection as Heartland's Best Teacher and in wishing her continued success in all future endeavors; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Melissa Finley, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Rod Jetton  
Speaker Pro Tem  
District No. 156

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4028, adopted September 8, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker